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Windfall scheduled to play Homecoming dance.

Homecoming '96 Returns To Campus

Annual Homecoming reunions of 1971 and 1946 and celebration activities, scheduled for Saturday, September 28, have a new look this year. In addition to the usual activities on campus, the Alumni Association has moved the Homecoming banquet to the Dana G. Lough Gymnasium to be followed by a dance. (Reservation form on back page.) The change was made in response to requests by many alumni to hold all events on campus.

The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. with a buffet slated for seven o'clock. Highlighting the evening will be the presentation of the Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Service awards as well as the 25th and 50th anniversary class

reunions of 1971 and 1946 and celebration activities, scheduled for Saturday, September 28, which the well-known band *Windfall* will play, will begin at approximately 9 p.m.

Reservations for the dinner-dance, the cost of which is \$15 per person, should be made with Mrs. Melanie Taylor in the Public Relations/Alumni Office no later than Monday, September 23. The telephone number is 304-788-6811.

Motel and hotel rooms are in high demand and low supply locally. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. A listing of lodgings available in the area is printed on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Registration and a coffee hour will begin the

celebration from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Student Union. A Homecoming luncheon will be available at the Davis Hall Cafeteria. Reservations are preferred but not necessary.

The football game will feature the Catamounts against Fork Union Military Academy at 1:30 p.m. PSC's date was set for Homecoming when the WVU Mountaineers were scheduled to play Maryland on Thursday, September 26. PSC was unable to reschedule the celebration in late June when WVU announced moving its game to Saturday evening.

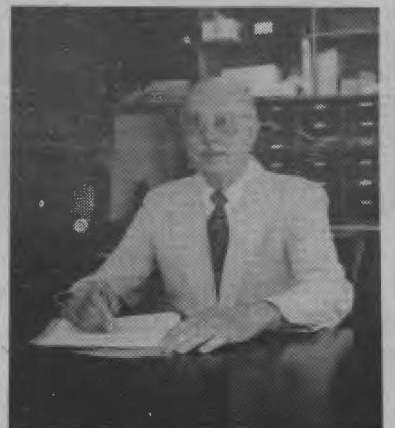
On Sunday morning the Merryray Restaurant on Main Street will host a breakfast buffet from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. No reservations are necessary.

Kidner Honored For Achievement

John P. Kidner, Class of 1946, Arlington, VA, author, free-lance journalist, and retired Air Force officer has been named recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award for 1996 at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. He will be honored at the annual Homecoming banquet Saturday, September 28, at Lough Gymnasium.

Kidner's writing has gained international recognition following an outstanding career in the USAF. He is well-known in the Keyser area for his weekly column and occasional reporting done for the *Mineral Daily News Tribune* from his perspective as a resident of the Washington scene.

Lt. Col. Kidner was born in Keyser, graduating from its high school in 1941. Exhibiting an early interest in flying, he soloed at age fifteen and made his first exhibition parachute jump at seventeen. (See Kidner Page 2)



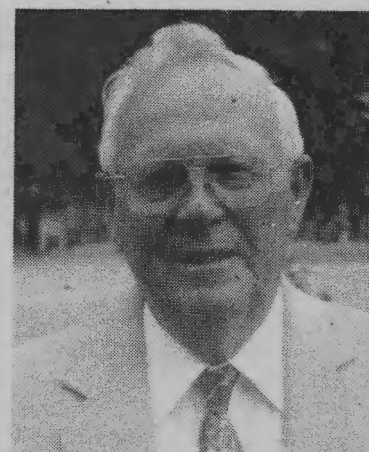
John P. Kidner

Gustafson's Service Recognized

Oscar H. Gustafson, Class of 1948, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture at Potomac State College, has been named the 1996 recipient of Distinguished Service Award given annually by the Potomac State College Alumni Association. He will be honored at the annual banquet of the Association during the Homecoming celebration Saturday, September 28, at Lough Gymnasium.

Established in 1975 the Distinguished Service Award is conferred for exceptional service and dedication to the College and/or its Alumni Association.

In choosing Professor Gustafson, selection committee members noted that from the day he arrived on campus in 1956 until his retirement in 1988, he



Oscar H. Gustafson

Homecoming '96 Set September 28

Kidner

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After high school he continued to fly, work nights at the Celanese Corporation, and attend Potomac State College. There he met his wife-to-be, Christine Smith of West Union, Class of 1945. He enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps in December 1942, color blindness preventing his becoming a flying cadet.

After completing airborne gunnery and communications schools, he became a B-17 gunner and radio operator. After combat crew training he was sent to Avon Park, FL, where his crew was put on "combat alert" and due to ship out at a moment's notice.

Christine joined him there and they were married just three days before his B-17 crew was ordered to join the 100th Bomb Group at Thorpe Abbots, England. From there he flew heavy bombardment missions against Nazi targets. Christine returned to West Virginia to finish her degree and went on to teach in McDowell County.

On May 12, 1944 while on his fourteenth mission, Kidner's plane was shot down. He bailed out, landing directly in a prison labor camp for British soldiers. Captured at once, he was taken to nearby Brux, Czechoslovakia for a brutal interrogation by the local SS. He says his landing within the confines of a prison camp probably saved his life; members of other crews shot down that day were lynched by townspeople. He was later moved to the Luftwaffe's formal interrogation center in Frankfurt, Germany for further solitary confinement and

interrogation. Ultimately he was imprisoned in Stalag Luft IV in northeastern Germany. Then in February, 1945, in the face of the Soviet westward advance, he and countless other POWs were marched aimlessly across Germany to avoid the Russians. The march and starvation and abuse (he weighed 90 lbs. and had been bayoneted) ended with his liberation by the British near Hamburg, releasing him from confinement in a Nazi concentration camp and a year as a POW.

Upon return to the United States he was discharged into the reserves. Determined to become a career Air Force officer, he was admitted to St. Louis University's school of aeronautical engineering, and its ROTC program. He earned his degree in three years, was named a distinguished military graduate, and commissioned a second lieutenant.

After advanced electronics and armament schools, John was assigned to the 47th Bomb Group at Royal Air Force Base Sculthorpe, Norfolk, England, as the Group Electronics Staff Officer, overseeing the maintenance and performance of communications, radar, and bombing equipment aboard three squadrons of medium range B-45s. Significantly, these bombers were NATO's first nuclear strike deterrent against further Soviet aggression.

From 1952 to 1956, Christine and John lived in the village of Heacham a few miles from RAF Sculthorpe, where their first son, John Craig, was born.

His next U.S. assignment was as the B-52 flight line officer at Loring AFB in Maine. His tour was cut short when he and five other officers were hand picked for strategic missile training first at Cape Canaveral, then Vandenburg AFB in California. After a year of intensive schooling, they were assigned to guidance control console duty with the Air Force's initial ICBM nuclear strike force. Charged with steering and tracking America's first Atlas missile from launch to warhead separation, they had to be ready to guide retaliatory strikes within minutes of a confirmed Soviet nuclear attack. Later, Kidner's guidance crew was transferred to missile Research and Development, steering the first Atlas-boosted satellites into orbit. During this tour, David Geoffrey, the couple's second son, was born.

After four years at VAFB Colonel Kidner was among three officers chosen Air Force Wide to be sent to Purdue University to obtain a master's degree in industrial management. After graduation, he was assigned to the Pentagon's newly created Defense Intelligence Agency, and the family moved to Arlington, VA. Two years after that transfer, their son, David died of a severe heart condition.

During John's tour with DIA, he requested and received duty in Vietnam where he supervised the maintenance, battle damage repairs, operations and defense of six remote radars. When visiting these sites, he and his First Sergeant often rode convoy with the U.S. infantry and

participated in firefights during enemy ambush.

Christine and John Craig went to Raleigh, NC, where she attended the University of North Carolina.

His combat tour over, Kidner was reassigned to the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB near Washington. While there he was asked to accept reassignment to Southeast Asia, working out of Bangkok and Saigon. Christine and son were to accompany him, living in Bangkok while he supervised communications research and development in the jungles of Thailand and Vietnam.

On July 4, 1968, just two days from departure, a careless driver forced their car off the road near Junction, WV. As the car rolled down an embankment, Christine's neck was broken. Neither John nor Craig was injured.

Christine was destined to live at home as a quadriplegic for the next 25 years. John had served in the military for 28 years, and asked for retirement to be with and care for Christine. Sharing his home with live-in aides, he was able to work a few minutes from home, at the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington.

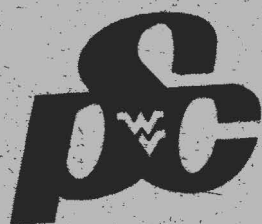
Through her courage, faith, and grace, Christine stayed in good spirits. She spent her time teaching English to troubled students and foreign residents. For many years she was the contact point for a St. Andrews Episcopal Church team devoted to helping the old, needy, and infirm. Their marriage lasted over 50 years, ending when Christine died of pneumonia in September 1994.

Not long after retirement from the military, John began his writing career with *The Kidner Report*, a scathing satire on Washington's bureaucracy. His book was well received, getting him two appearances on Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show* as well as other network and local TV and radio shows. At the same time he began speaking to groups across the country, treating them to his particular brand of satire.

With columnist Jack Anderson, he co-authored *Alice in Blunderland*, a lampoon of government wasteful spending. His book, *Crimaldi, Contract Killer*, the biography of "Chuckie" Crimaldi, once the Chicago mob's principal hit man, was published and sold throughout the U.S. and in New Zealand, Australia, England, and in some of the then "Iron Curtain" countries.

With Peggy Whedon, producer of ABC's *Issues and Answers* and the *David Brinkley Show*, he co-authored *Dining at the Great Embassies*, a cookbook featuring the menus Washington's major embassies serve their most distinguished guests.

Kidner, a long-time member of the National Press Club, continues his journalism career, writing frequent articles for many national magazines and periodicals. He now manages his own news outlet, Capital Newsfeatures and Editorial Services. He is currently writing satirical treatment on "how government is put to one side until the demands of politics are satisfied."



We Hope to See You at Homecoming '96!

Gustafson

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tirelessly trekked across the State and bordering states to offer opportunities for students in agriculture at the College. During his tenure the two-year agriculture, pre-veterinary medicine, horticulture and forestry programs became extremely competitive and of high quality.

His selfless commitment, dedication, and loyalty to Potomac State College, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia as well as a sincere love for young people and a fostering of their hopes and dreams have been the driving forces behind the man all know to be "Mr. Gus."

Professor Gustafson graduated from Green Bank High School in 1943 and served from 1943 to 1945 in the United States Navy, nineteen months of which was spent in the South Pacific. After getting his associate in arts in agriculture from Potomac State, he earned a bachelor and a master's degree in agricultural education from West Virginia University in 1950 and 1953 respectively.

His first teaching job was at Buckhannon High School for 1950-51. He then came to Keyser High for five years until joining the PSC faculty in 1956 as assistant professor of agriculture, achieving the rank of full professor in 1968.

In addition to his teaching duties "Mr. Gus" held several administrative positions at Potomac State. He was manager of Farm #2 from 1956-60, director and chairman of agriculture from 1960 to 1980, unit coordinator of agriculture

from 1980 to 1988 and chairperson of the Division of Applied Sciences, Career Programs, and Technologies from 1974 to 1986.

He organized the first Agriculture Club upon his arrival and remained an active sponsor and co-sponsor for his 32 years of service. He stressed leadership, citizenship, student development, and cooperation in the club. The club engaged in both college and community service projects and remained one of the most active campus groups.

An excellent classroom teacher, Professor Gustafson consistently received outstanding student evaluations. His many former students hold a variety of agriculture positions not only in West Virginia but surrounding states. The West Virginia Director of Vocational Agriculture Teachers for 1989-90 listed a total of 109 vo-ag teachers with 42 having attended Potomac State College.

A member of Alpha Zeta Agricultural Honor Society and Alpha Tau Alpha, professional agriculture education fraternity, he was named FFA Honorary State Farmer in 1979 and received Farmer chapter awards from the FFA in both Mineral and Hampshire counties.

"Gus" is a member of the Keyser Lions Club, serving as its president in 1972-73. He had been a member of the Mineral County Farm Bureau from 1966 to 1988. He has held a variety of positions in Grace United Methodist Church, teaching a Sunday School class from 1965 to 1989, serving on the Administrative Board, holding the position of trustee,

and being active in the Methodist Men.

In the words of his former colleague, the late Professor Kenneth M. Malone, "I doubt if there is another professor of agriculture in the State or in the country who has had the responsibilities that Professor Gustafson has had. He has taught 5 different subjects each year, coordinated the operation of two College farms of about 800 acres for 30 years, does extensive recruiting, was departmental chairman for a number of years, became division chairperson, served on countless committees, and was active in the community as well."

"Gus" and his wife, Jacqueline Simmons, Class of 1948, are parents of four children, all of whom are graduates of PSC and currently are health science professionals. Michael Gustafson, M.D., Class of 1983, recently completed a residency in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Robert A. Gustafson, M.D., Class of 1970, is associate professor of surgery and pediatrics section of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at West Virginia University. He was the 1990 winner of the Alumni Achievement Award. John P. Gustafson, D.V.M., Class of 1973, is a veterinarian in private practice at High Rock Animal Hospital in McCoole. Jacqueline Sions, R.N., Class of 1976, is assistant nurse manager of the operating room at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. The Gustafsons have eight grandchildren. They reside at 180 "A" Street in Keyser.



The Chester D. Harman, M.D. Memorial Scholarship was created this month with contributions from Patricia A. Harman (far left), wife of the late Dr. Harman, and Theresa (Harman) Falkowski and Dr. Henry Falkowski, daughter and son-in-law of Dr. Harman. President Kathryn Brailer (second from left) accepts the gifts on behalf of the PSC Foundation.

Foundation Receives \$100,000 Gift

Harman Scholarship Established

A combined \$100,000 medicine major gift has been received by the Potomac State College Foundation to establish the Chester D. Harman, M.D. Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship gift was made by Patricia A. Harman, wife of the late Dr. Harman, and his daughter and son-in-law, Theresa (Harman) Falkowski and Dr. Henry Falkowski. Dr. Harman was a 1948 graduate of Circleville High School. He received his A.B. degree from Bridgewater College; a B.S. degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine; and an M.D. degree at the Medical College of Virginia. He practiced medicine in the Petersburg area for over 34 years.

The scholarship has been established to benefit a graduate of either a Grant or Pendleton County high school who attends Potomac State as a full-time pre-pharmacy or pre-

Beavers Named Academic Dean

Dr. Lester K. Beavers has been named Dean of Academic Affairs at Potomac State College, according to an announcement by Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer, president. Dr. Beavers has been a faculty member and administrator at the College for 25 years. He had served as interim president and then interim dean of academic affairs and coordinator of institutional research.

"Dr. Beavers has served our students, campus, and community for many years and is completely dedicated to the success and growth of Potomac State College," said President Brailer.

"I've enjoyed my 25 year career at Potomac State and look forward to serving as Dean of Academic Affairs. I feel confident that we will be able to maintain the high academic quality of our programs as we meet the challenges and opportunities facing higher education," said Dr. Beavers.



Dr. Lester K. Beavers

Keep Us Updated!

The Potomac State College Alumni News likes to keep up-to-date of our alumni in the news. If you have changed jobs recently, been promoted, relocated, or have any special celebration to share with the college community, please let us know. Send any information to Melanie Taylor, Alumni Association, Potomac State College, Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726.

This not only will assist in the production of future alumni publications, but will also help to maintain accurate alumni records.

Please include your complete name, class year and address with your correspondence. We look forward to hearing from you.



Kenneth F. Haines



Helen F. Hines



Nancy M. Hockensmith



George Little



Dallas B. Shaffer

Nine Faculty and Staff Announce Retirement

Nine members of the faculty and staff retired at the close of the last academic year, and one staff member retired last summer. They are Mrs. Elsie M. Carnell, Professor Kenneth F. Haines, Mrs. Helen Hines, Professor Nancy M. Hockensmith, George Little, Professor Dallas B. Shaffer, Mrs. Francine G. Shanahan, Richard A. Smith, and Professor Charles D. Whitehill. All were honored by the Potomac State College Social Club at its Spring banquet, Saturday, April 27, at the Polish Pines Restaurant.

ELSIE M. CARNELL

With 24 years of service to the College, Mrs. Carnell is retiring from her position as a Data Technician in the Computer center.

She is a member of the Bloomington Methodist Church, where she serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

She and her husband, Herbert, have one son, John, and a daughter, Lisa. They have two grandchildren, Clint and David Foote.

Mrs. Carnell loves to travel and she looks forward to having time to do so as well as to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

PROFESSOR KENNETH F. HAINES

After 44 years of teaching French, Spanish, German, and English, Professor Haines retired with the distinction of having the most seniority of any faculty member of the three campuses of West Virginia University.

A Keyser native, he graduated from Keyser High School in 1949 and earned an Associate in Arts degree from Potomac State College in 1950. He was graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University in Romance Languages in 1952 and named to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Arts degree in 1953 in the same field from West Virginia University. He has done additional graduate work at the Sorbonne in Paris, Indiana University Laval University in Quebec and McGill University in Montreal.

He has received many honors as a faculty member including Outstanding Professor, the Distinguished Service Award from the Potomac State College Alumni Association, the establishment of the Kenneth Franklin Haines Scholarship by friends, and the W. E. Michael Community Citizen Award.

He is a past president of the West Virginia Foreign

Language Teachers Association and served as its secretary-treasurer for 12 years. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa Education Honorary, the Keyser Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder, and the Keyser Rotary Club of which he is a past president and has been secretary for 38 years. The Keyser club honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978.

He served as faculty representative to Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society from 1960 to 1967 and then became the faculty adviser from 1967 to 1995.

He has served tirelessly with the Potomac State College Alumni Association as president (1967-73) and currently secretary-treasurer, a position he has held for 37 years, as well as current editor of the *ALUMNI NEWS*. He is a charter member of the Potomac State College Foundation, Inc., serving as its secretary since 1962.

An avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he looks forward to travel and reading as well as staying active in the Alumni Association and Foundation.

HELEN F. HINES

Mrs. Helen Hines retired from Potomac State's Business Office where she was the benefits coordinator and

responsible for accounts payable for 23 years. Born in Esmont, VA, she is a graduate of Howard High School, Piedmont, and Parkers Beauty School in Fairmont. She has also taken courses at the Mineral County Vocational Technical Center.

Mrs. Hines was self-employed for sixteen years and has also worked for the Beauty School and the West Virginia Department of Welfare.

She is a member of the Church of God in Christ where she serves as Sunday School Superintendent. She also teaches a Sunday School class and sings in the choir, of which she is secretary. She is active with the Tri-Towns Youth Outreach Program.

She has a daughter Deonne, Columbus, OH, and a son Langston at Charleston, SC Air Force Base. She has seven grandchildren.

In her retirement she looks forward to visiting with her family, traveling, and working with the Tri-Towns youth group.

PROFESSOR NANCY M. HOCKENSMITH

Professor Nancy M. Hockensmith, Professor of Biology and former Dean of the College, is retired with over 30 years of service.

She has also held the posts of chair of the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences, Coordinator of Athletics, Academic Administrative Liaison, Associate Dean, and Interim Chief Executive Officer.

She is a member of many professional associations including the American Association of University Women, West Virginia Academy of Science, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Nature Conservancy of West Virginia, the West Virginia Association of Academic Deans, the Keyser Rotary Club, and the West Virginia Public Radio Citizens Advisory Committee.

Hockensmith is also Commissioner of the West Virginia Women's Commission, with appointments from three governors over the past years. She was a member of the Mineral County Development Authority and the Governor's Partnership for Progress.

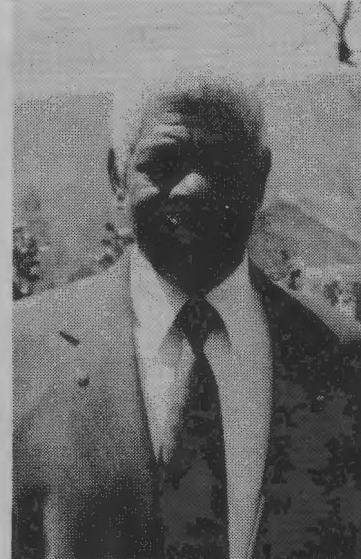
She was honored as a Distinguished West Virginian in 1994 by Governor Gaston Caperton. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Potomac State College and Mineral County Earth Week activities and was the charter sponsor of the College's Life Sciences Club.

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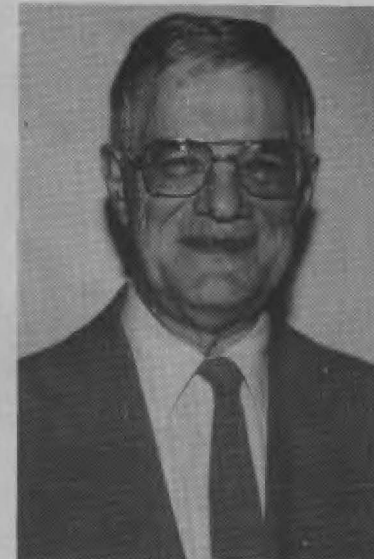
*Over 270 collective years
of dedicated service to
Potomac State
and its students.*



Francine Shanahan



Richard A. Smith



Charles D. Whitehill

GEORGE LITTLE

George Little retired during the summer of 1995 as the chief financial officer, serving the College in that position since 1988.

Born in Hazleton, PA, he is a graduate of Tamaqua High School. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Lehigh University and his MBA from Indiana University.

Prior to Potomac State he had worked at Bucks County (PA) Community College, Johnson and Johnson, American Express, Merck and U.S. Steel. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He and his wife Linda own and operate Linda's Hallmark Shop in Keyser Square. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Little is a spectator sports enthusiast and enjoys the theater as well as traveling.

PROFESSOR**DALLAS B. SHAFFER**

Retiring with 29 years of service is Professor of Political Science Dr. Dallas B. Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer had also served the College as chair of the Division of Social Sciences and adjunct Professor of the West Virginia University Graduate Center at Potomac State College.

Prior to Potomac State Dr. Shaffer had taught at the Parkersburg Branch of West Virginia University and at

Fairmont State College.

He is a graduate of the University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts in history and sociology. He received both his master's and doctorate from West Virginia University.

Dr. Shaffer has been an active member of the West Virginia Department of Education review team for public school systems and of the North Central Accreditation teams.

He has served as a member of the board for the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Potomac Valley Sheltered Workshop. He was a state Liaison officer for historic preservation and has served on many state and campus committees. A significant portion of his more recent committee work and presentations has been related to social justice and affirmative action issues.

Dr. Shaffer is a licensed lay minister for the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. He is a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Keyser.

He and his wife Jennie have three children, Franklin, Lynne, and Douglas, and two grandchildren.

FRANCINE SHANAHAN

Mrs. Francine (Garcia) Shanahan, Class of 1957, retired with 30 years of service. Currently a Resident Director for Friend Hall, she has also served as College Housing Coordinator and secretary to the Dean of Student Affairs.

A graduate of Bruce High School in Westernport, she attended Potomac State, Frostburg State College and Catherman's Business School before joining American Airlines as a stewardess.

She is a member of the Keyser Presbyterian Church, where she has served as both Deacon and Elder.

She has a daughter Erin Williams in Cumberland and two grandchildren. Mrs. Shanahan plans to spend a lot of time with Erin and her children. She is also looking forward to a trip to Spain to visit relatives, reading, and becoming more active in her church.

RICHARD A. SMITH

With 51 years of service Richard Smith retired with the longest employee record at Potomac State College.

A native of Keyser he attended Howard High School in Piedmont and began working part-time after school and on weekends at the College cafeteria in 1945. In 1947 he joined the cafeteria staff full-time. In later years he served the College in the Student Union, as a custodian in the Administration Building and in recent years as a Campus Police Officer.

He is a member of Potomac Lodge No. 41, Masonic Lodge, of which he is a Past Master. He also holds membership in Thotmes Temple of the Shrine in Fairmont. He is a member of the Keyser VFW, the Washington-Smith Post of

the American Legion, and Janes United Methodist Church.

"Rich" served in the U. S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed in Korea for 14 months as a truck driver and also in an intelligence platoon.

He comes from a large family of seven brothers and four sisters. He has three children, Andrew, Allen, and Karen; and is a very proud grandfather to seven grandchildren.

"Rich" was recently named an Outstanding West Virginian by Governor Gaston Caperton.

He is an outstanding softball pitcher, having played in the Cumberland Recreation League and the Rocking Chair League. Former students will remember his prowess as a ping pong player.

With retirement "Rich" plans to work with the youth of the Burlington Children's Home and other area youth in need of special attention. He also plans a lot of rabbit hunting with his two beagles.

PROFESSOR**CHARLES D. WHITEHILL**

Dr. Charles Whitehill retired with 35 years of service to Potomac State in the field of music. Born in Wana, WV, he earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University.

In addition to his current position as Professor of Music, he served several terms as chair of Division One, Arts

and Humanities, and was also chair of the Music Department for many years.

He has been recognized as a West Virginia University Outstanding Teacher in 1971-72 and Potomac State College Outstanding Professor for 1992-93. He was the recipient of the Region VIII Bandmaster's Award in 1986. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation and Merit from the Keyser Ministerial Association in 1991 and again in 1995.

Before coming to Potomac State, Dr. Whitehill was band director at Clay-Battelle High School, an instrumental and vocal teacher at Belington High School, a graduate assistant in music education and brass at West Virginia University, and an instrumental music school teacher in West Palm Beach, FL.

He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the West Virginia Band Masters Association, and the West Virginia College Music Educators. He has served as faculty representative to Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society since 1984.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have one son, Rhoades. Whitehill's Vineyard was established in 1979, and Dr. Whitehill became vice-president and winemaker of West-Whitehill Winery from 1980 to 1988. He is the founder and current owner of Potomac Highland Winery.

He plans to teach part-time and manage his winery.



William L. McLaughlin, center, Class of 1947, is pictured receiving the 1995 Alumni Achievement Award from his presenter and fellow classmate, **Dr. Harry W. Boggs**, assisted by PSC President **Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer**.



The Honorable Jerry L. Mezzatesta, Class of 1966, is presented the Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association by **Professor Nancy M. Hockensmith**, biology.

Homecoming '95 Highlighted By Capacity Crowd

A capacity crowd was on hand for the annual Homecoming Banquet Saturday, Oct. 21, 1995, at Polish Pines Restaurant, sponsored by the Potomac State College Alumni Association. Guests were greeted by Association President M. William Rogers, Class of 1948, who presided at the event. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of awards.

Nancy Hockensmith, professor of biology and former dean of the college, presented the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the Association to the Honorable Jerry L. Mezzatesta, Romney, speaker pro tem of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Professor Hockensmith praised his efforts not only on behalf of Potomac State College but also the people of the State. She noted that twice in the past ten years Mezzatesta has had to assist in keeping the college a part of West Virginia University.

In his remarks Mezzatesta said, "I want to thank all of you at Potomac State; I do appreciate this award. I will always do anything I can to help this

institution." He also called on alumni to send their children to Potomac State. Several members of his family were also present and were introduced by Professor Hockensmith.

President Rogers then read a letter from West Virginia House of Delegates member Harold Michael of Moorefield in which he commended the Alumni Association on its selection. Michael said he had observed Mezzatesta's special interest in education and young people.

Dr. Harry W. Boggs, Class of 1947, presented to his friend and former classmate, William L. McLaughlin, research physicist, the Alumni Achievement Award for 1995. Boggs noted that he and McLaughlin had graduated together from Keyser High School in 1945 and then attended Potomac State. He praised McLaughlin for his many achievements in his field, including ten major awards, some of which are international in scope.

Recognized world-wide as an authority on nuclear science, lasers, and radiation, as well as medical physics and physical chemistry, McLaughlin

holds eight patents, edits two international newsletters from Oxford, England, and sits on advisory boards in Austria and Denmark.

In his acceptance speech McLaughlin noted his ties to Keyser during the time when his father, the late Reverend John McLaughlin, was pastor of the Keyser Presbyterian Church. He said he owed so much to the college faculty during his time as a student. He mentioned David G. Nuzum, Dr. Elizabeth Atwater Alexander, the late Water Boone, the late Dr. Nancy M. Miller, and the late Dr. John Aldrich. He also cited Mrs. Katharine Church, the late coach Dana G. "Horse" Lough, and former physical education teacher and assistant coach Judson Hodges.

McLaughlin said, "I will always cherish this award. It will hang in my office as a reminder to me of the excellent training and outstanding teachers I had at Potomac State." McLaughlin also introduced family members.

The Classes of 1945 and 1970 celebrated their golden and silver anniversaries as alumni, and the members of the

last football team "Horse" Lough coached also held a reunion. Members of the team and anniversary classes were guests at a brunch earlier in the day hosted by President Kathryn A. Brailer.

Professor Kenneth F. Haines, Class of 1950, secretary-treasurer of the Association, introduced the honorees.

Attending either the brunch or the banquet, or both, from the Class of 1945 were Ellen Harper Golliday and Adair Welton Marby of Cumberland; Linda Adams Bell, Winchester, Va.; Myrtle Fries Elliott, Kingwood; Barbara Proudfoot Shears, Elizabeth; Dr. George Solan, Stow, Ohio; Eleanor Williams Deal, Frederick, Md.; Doris Elrick Mathews, Williamsport, Md.; Magdalene Williams Sitar, Romney; and from Keyser Ernestine See Golden and Irene McGuire Twigg.

Members of the Class of 1970 present were Bill Aiken, Accident, Md.; Ernest Donahoe, Morgantown; Mike Hicks and Dan Hinkle, Buckhannon; Dr. Lynn Brant, Delaware, Ohio; Linda Bergdall, Burgess, Moorefield; Margaret Mowery

Judy, Circleville; Richard and Connie McCue Hoffman, Clarksburg; John Moore, Burke, Va.; David Parker, Romney; and Lanny Propst, Elkins.

Members of the 1969 Catamount football team in attendance were John Bord, Grafton; Mike Hicks and Dan Hinkle, Buckhannon; Lanny Propst, Elkins; Bill Aiken, Accident, Md.; Ernest Donahoe, Morgantown; Jim Webster, Cumberland; and Steve Yewcic, Marion Center, Pa. Assistant coaches also present were Professor Larry Bolyard and Thomas O'Connor, Keyser.

In her remarks to the alumni, President Brailer said that summer school enrollment for 1995 had grown by 24 percent and that fall enrollment is up 10.1 percent. She noted that in addition to the college's excellent transfer program, Potomac State will expand its career-technical offerings in accordance with West Virginia Senate Bill 547. She called upon the alumni to assist in the growth of the college by spreading the word about Potomac State.

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Above are members of the **Golden Anniversary Class of 1945**: (front, left to right), Ellen Harper Golliday, Ernestine See Golden, Adair Welton Markby, Doris Elrick Mathews, Myrtle Fries Elliott, Dr. George Solan, Linda Adams Bell, Irene McGuire Twigg, (back, left to right), Barbara Proudfoot Shears, Eleanor Williams Deal, Magdalene Williams Sitar.



Members of the **Class of 1970** who were present at Homecoming 1995 for their 25th anniversary of attendance at PSC were (front, left to right), Dan Hinkle, Connie McCue Hoffman, Linda Bergdall Burgess, Margaret Mowery Judy, Lynn Brant, (back, left to right), Mike Hicks, Lanny Propst, David Parker, Richard Hoffman, and John Moore.

Homecoming

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worth over \$50,000 this year. 1953. The slate was approved expressed the appreciation of all from 1973 to 1976 and who was

During the business by the Association. alumni to Mrs. Patty Bell, instrumental in establishing the

Professor Haines also reported meeting. Professor Sally Raines administrative secretary for the awards now presented by the

on the status of the Alumni Brown, Class of 1983, chair of Association, for her fine work in Association.

Association, noting that it the nominating committee, the alumnus who traveled the setting up Homecoming Mrs. Dorothy Stephen,

currently has 145 life members. presented three candidates for farthest. The award went to weekend and the banquet. He Class of 1941, gave the

He also noted that the Potomac election to the board of Mrs. Mary Kitzmiller Benhase, also noted that the flowers at the invocation. The banquet closed

State College Foundation has directors: Stacey Pancake Class of 1949, formerly of head table had been given in with the singing of the Alma

assets approaching the one Boggs, Class of 1987; Kelli Keyser, now residing in Tucson, memory of the late State Senator Mater with Mrs. Katharine

million dollar mark and provided Myers Hickey, Class of 1988; Arizona. William J. Oates, who served as Church accompanying at the

55 students with scholarships and Helen Yoder Poe, Class of President Rogers president of the Association piano.



Attending a reunion of the late Coach Dana G. "Horse" Lough's 1969 football team were (front, left to right), Jim Webster (split end/defensive back); Lanny Propst (quarterback); Dan Hinkle (fullback); Steve Yewcic (linebacker); (back, left to right), Larry Bolyard (assistant coach); Tom O'Connor (assistant coach); John Bord (center); Mike Hicks (team captain, guard/linebacker); Ernie Donahoe (defensive nose guard); and Bill Aiken (defensive end).

Severance Plan Benefits WVU Retirees

In consideration of the provisions of West Virginia Senate Bill 547 and its inclusion of severance plans as one of several explicit approaches to reduce costs in higher education, the University System of West Virginia created a Faculty/Staff Severance Benefit Plan.

Approximately 350 faculty and staff at West Virginia University and Potomac State College have elected to participate in the program. Based on an individual's current salary, the plan provides a full year's pay spread over two years with 48 semi-monthly payments for those with 25 or more years of service. Those with less service are given a percentage of their base salary beginning with 10 years of service at 40% with 4% increments to 24 years at 96%.

Signed contracts were due at the University by May 29, 1996. Faculty entry dates for the plan are June 1, July 1, August 1, 1996 and January 1, 1997. Staff members may enter the first of any month from April 1, 1996 to February 1, 1997.

Participants also receive the full cost of health insurance for two years in addition to what they have already accumulated. Plan participants are ineligible for re-employment in West Virginia higher education for more than \$5,000.00 per year.



The PSC Outstanding Professor reception held in April at the Candlewyck Inn was attended by all the recipients of the award since its inception in 1990. From left Academic Dean Lester K. Beavers (1991); Professor Ann Davis (1995); Professor Charles D. Whitehill (1993); Mary Kaye Staggers (1996); Professor Dinah Sue Courrier (1994); Professor Kenneth F. Haines (1992); and Professor Tony Whitmore (1990).



Ms. Mary Kaye Staggers (center), nursing instructor and 1996 winner of the Outstanding Professor Award at Potomac State College joins other nominees (left to right); Professor John Hawkins, music; Professor Phil Douthitt, computer science; and Professor Elizabeth Hudson, physical education; with College President Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer.

Outstanding Professor for 1996

Staggers Receives Teaching Honor

Ms. Mary Kaye Staggers, visiting instructor in nursing, was honored at Potomac State's Outstanding Professor of the Year for 1995. She was awarded a plaque and received congratulations at a reception Thursday, April 25, attended by her peers at the Candlewyck Inn.

The PSC Outstanding Professor Award recognizes excellence in teaching, service, and professional development as well as research. Ms. Staggers nomination was supported by both students and faculty. She

was selected by a committee of College Administrators and Professors representing all areas of the College. This is the seventh consecutive year for the award.

Ms. Staggers came to Potomac State in 1991. She teaches in the newly developed nursing program, which

combines a year of general course work with the first year of nursing school classes. Students who successfully complete the two year PSC program may transfer directly to WVU as a second-year nursing

student. The honoree earned a master's degree in child psychiatric nursing in 1970 from the Wayne State University School of Nursing in Detroit. She had completed her bachelor's degree at the WVU School of Nursing in 1968.

From 1980 to 1991 she was executive director of the Potomac Center in Romney, a short-term residential facility for the developmentally disabled. She has also taught at the University of South Alabama, Catholic University, and the

WVU School of Nursing.

Ms. Staggers has traveled extensively in Western Europe, Canada, and the United States.

She is married to local attorney David Webb. They have two children, Walthow and Chloe.

Former winners of the Outstanding Professor Award include Tony Whitmore (1990); Lester K. Beavers (1991); Kenneth F. Haines (1992); Charles D. Whitehill (1993); Dinah Sue Courrier (1994); and Ruth Ann Davis (1995).

PSC Alumna Named 1996 West Virginia Teacher of Year

Mrs. JoAnn (Snyder) Harman, Lahmansville, Class of 1960, has been named West Virginia's Teacher of the Year for 1996. She is a French teacher and also teaches English for gifted and talented students at Petersburg High School in Grant County.

After receiving her Associate in Arts degree in secondary education from Potomac State College, she earned a Bachelor's degree in French and English from Fairmont State College and a Master's + 30 in gifted education from West Virginia University.

Mrs. Harman also teaches at the South Branch Center for Shepherd College in Petersburg, offering advanced composition, British and World Literature, Shakespeare, Great Books, French, adolescent and West-Virginia literature.

"Mrs. Harman displays an extraordinary dedication to both her students and her community," said State Schools Superintendent Hank Marockie. "She is an exceptional example of what committed educators can accomplish in the classroom."

Harman advocates the need for teachers to focus on



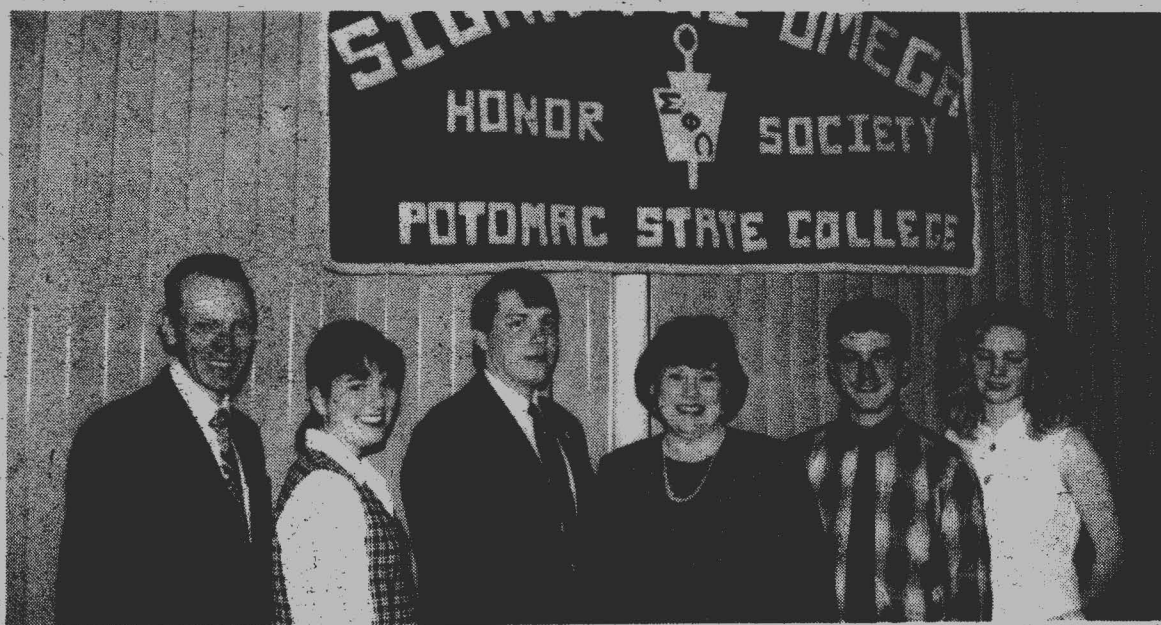
JoAnn Snyder Harman

"the total well-being of students" in order to educate them fully. A teacher for 33 years, she says the physical and emotional health of students is important to their complete education. "I strongly believe that what young people think, say, and write are all significant," she said.

She was Grant County Teacher of the Year in 1992 and again in 1996. She received the Ashland Achievement Award in 1992 and has been awarded nine West Virginia Education Fund mini-grants. She has listings in *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who of Women*, and has published in the *World of Poetry*.

Mrs. Harman served as president of the Petersburg High Faculty Senate from 1991 to 1994. She is chapter vice-president of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Honorary for Women, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and Pi Lambda Theta Education Honorary. She sponsors the National Honor Society and the French Club at Petersburg, as well as advising the school's first and second literary magazines. She holds membership in many professional organizations including NEA, WVEA, WV Association for the Gifted, National Council of English Teachers; she has also served on North Central accreditation teams.

She has sponsored trips to Canada, France, Belgium, and England.



Former, current, and new officers are gathered at the annual spring banquet of Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society. (left to right) Professor Kenneth F. Haines, adviser to the society for 28 years, who stepped down in 1995; Amanda Taylor, 1996-97 president; Mark Haggerty, vice-president; Professor Dinah Sue Courrier, adviser; Darren Stockett, president; and Amanda Radcliffe, incumbent vice-president.

Rawlings and Beavers Honored For 25 Years of Service To College

The Potomac State College Social Club honored two employees for 25 years of service at the annual spring banquet Saturday, April 27, at Polish Pines Restaurant. Dr. Lester K. Beavers, dean of academic affairs and professor of political science, and Mrs. Charlotte Rawlings, accountant in the business office, were recognized.

Mrs. Rawlings was born in Antioch and attended Antioch and New Creek elementary schools. She is a graduate of Keyser High School. Prior to coming to Potomac State, she held positions with the Hunt Wesson Foods Company in Fullerton, CA, and the 3M Company in East Los Angeles.

Her family includes her husband Lorn; children Debbie, Brenda, Donna, Clay, and Misty; and six grandchildren.

She and her husband are ham radio enthusiasts. She also enjoys reading and crafts.

Dr. Beavers has served Potomac State in many capacities including professor of social sciences, coordinator of institutional research, interim president, interim dean of academic affairs, and his current position as Dean of Academic Affairs.

Born in Berwind, WV, he earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science and sociology from West Virginia University in 1966. He was awarded both a master's and a doctorate in political science and sociology from West Virginia University in 1968 and 1978 respectively.

For six years he was a member of the Peace Corps in Colombia. He has served on the faculty of Fairmont State College and the University of

Antioquia in Colombia as well.

Fluent in Spanish, he has also taught intermediate Spanish at Potomac State.

He currently serves as an institutional representative to the Faculty Consortium for Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS). He is a member of the Association of Institutional Researchers and the AAHE Assessment Forum. He also belongs to the West Virginia Sociological Association and the West Virginia Political Science Association, having served both groups as president.

He is a past president and Paul Harris Fellow in the Keyser Rotary Club.

He and his wife, the former Jeannette Shepp, Class of 1965, reside at 17 Arnold Street. They have two sons, Kevin and Tom.

Sigma Phi Omega Sponsor Changes

Professor Kenneth F. Haines stepped down as sponsor of Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society in the fall of 1995 after 28 years in that position. Prior to that he had been the faculty representative to the society from 1960 to 1967.

Professor Dinah Sue (Wells) Courrier, Class of 1964, a former president of the organization assumed the role of faculty sponsor. Three of her children also held offices in Sigma Phi Omega: Jay, Class of 1988, and Tona, Class of 1991, were president, and Heather, Class of 1995, was vice-president.

Monahan Begins Duties As PSC Chief Financial Officer

Michael L. Monahan, Frostburg, has been appointed the Chief Financial, Administrative Services, and Human Resources Officer at Potomac State College. He joined the staff May 13, previously having served as city administrator of Frostburg.

Monahan holds an undergraduate degree from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, and Master of Business Administration from Frostburg State University. Prior to his Frostburg position he had served in a number of capacities with the BonTon Retail Management team including General Manager and Divisional Merchandise Manager.

A former member of the board of directors of the Frostburg Rotary Club, he is now a member of the Keyser Rotary. In Frostburg he was active with the Palace Theater, Frostburg Museum Association, and the



Michael L. Monahan

Foundation of Frostburg.

He is a big brother with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Alleganies program and has worked with the Frostburg Community Service Committee Task Force, the University Community Relations Committee, and the Frostburg Library Advisory Committee.

Emeritus Status Granted

Four retiring faculty members at Potomac State College have been granted professor emeritus rank. They are Nancy M. Hockensmith, biology (1965-1996); Kenneth F. Haines, foreign languages and English (1952-1996); Dallas B. Shaffer, political science (1967-1996); and Charles D. Whitehill, music (1961-1996).

Emeritus appointments are granted selectively to faculty members upon their retirement in recognition of their meritorious service. Faculty members who are awarded emeritus status retain their professional titles, have library privileges, access to athletic events, and other privileges as designated by their departments or colleges within West Virginia University.

Appointments are made by the University System Board of Trustees upon recommendation by the presidents of PSC and WVU.

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Your Alumni Days!

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Lillian Boughton, Cumberland, was recently presented the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award.

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Dr. B. Holly Grimm, Gretna, LA, was honored by being chosen the Marauder Man of the Year at the 50th annual Victory

Celebration of the Marauder Historical Society in Akron, Ohio, last summer. Grimm was a pilot during World War II and flew a B-26 Marauder.

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Wayne C. Boor retired as coach and teacher from Wheaton (Montgomery County, MD) High School in 1995 after 36 years of service.

Harold Tucker, DDS, has retired as Professor at the West Virginia University School of Dentistry and has taken up residence in Wardensville.

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Mary Kidner Holleran, Burgettstown, PA, has retired as Republican jury commissioner of Washington County, PA, a post she has held for 10 years. She was presented a plaque by the President Judge Thomas Gladden for her organizational skills and meritorious service.

Ken Ward, Charleston, formerly of Keyser, won a Scripps Howard Foundation National award for public service reporting. He is a reporter for the *Charleston Gazette*.

Anita Bartlett White recently received the Cape Fear Women of Achievement Award in the Human Service category from the YWCA of Wilmington, NC. She is director of the Brunswick Interagency Program, heading a program for mentally handicapped adults and also training disabled adults to work in public agencies. She has also been honored with the Brunswick County College Distinguished Service Award and the Brunswick C.C. Employee of the Year.

Dr. Paul C. Cline, formerly of Piedmont, retired last summer as Professor of Political Science at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA after 34 years of service.

Russell V. Hedrick, Jr., Petersburg, accepted the appointment of Mayor of that city by his fellow councilmen last November.

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Jerry Cool, Little Falls, Montana, has retired after teaching 32 years at Little Falls High School. He has remained coach of the varsity girls basketball team.

Doris Martin Tennyson, Silver Springs, MD, is senior editor of *Home Builder Press*.

Harry S. White, Morgantown, department administrator for the University Eye Center, Department of Ophthalmology, West Virginia University, retired June 30, 1996, after 8 years of service. He had previously had a 25 year career with the United States Bureau of Standards and 10 years as the owner of a computer consulting business in Washington, DC.

Howard Goff, Fairmont, has retired after 31 years of service at Monongahela Power and has started his own business, "Software Services and Careers, Inc."

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Robert Harman, Keyser, was recently elected to his fourth year term as president of the Mineral County Commission.

Dr. E. Keith Inskeep, Professor of Animal and Veterinary Sciences at West Virginia University, was chosen in April for a 1995-96 Benedum Distinguished Scholar Award.

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Nora Egan Collett, teacher at Frankfort Middle School, Ridgeley, received a grant from the Bell Atlantic World School Grant Program to help her students tap the resources of the Internet.

Class

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James E. Thompson, Keyser, was inducted into the Keyser High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his coaching contributions from 1963 to 1989 as head coach in five sports; football, wrestling, track, golf and tennis.

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T. Edward Smith, Keyser, served as chairman of Westvaco's County United Way campaign drive at the Luke plant.

Gerald D. Riggleman, Cumberland, of Riggleman, Smyth & Associates, P.A., a regional accounting firm, attended the 1995 National Small Firm Conference co-sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is a member of the American Institute of CPA's.

'61

Dr. Don Thompson has been named Dean of the Counseling Education and Psychology Division of Troy State University, Montgomery, Alabama.

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Susan Minshall Daskal, a teacher at Elk Garden High School from 1977 to 1989 delivered the Commencement address at the school's graduation ceremonies.

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Steve Delaney is an assistant football coach at Keyser High School.

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Dr. Henry Louis "Skip" Gates, chairman of Afro-American Studies and W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Humanities at Harvard University, gave the 1995 fall West Virginia University Scholars/Benedum Lecture at West Virginia University. He was also the 1995 Betsy McCreighton Lecturer and Humanities Award winner at Shepherd College.

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Connie Corder, a teacher at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, was a guest speaker at the Keyser Rotary Club last fall.

Mary Lou Robertson, Keyser Primary/Middle School, received a grant from the Bell Atlantic World School Grant Program to help her students tap the resources of the Internet.

Lee Heavner, a farmer and agriculture teacher at Flinstone, MD High School, was the winner of the 1995 Service to Agriculture Award by the Allegany County (MD) Farm Bureau in December.

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Kelly Day was named head football coach at Keyser High School last year.

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Diann Manns, Keyser, was awarded a Master of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology at West Virginia University last year.

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Peggy Beljan, Manassas Park, VA, is a computer specialist for the United States government.

Greg Frase, Fort Ashby, has been sworn in as the new Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander for this district.

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Michael Gasper is the Federal Soil Conservation Officer for Lewis and Upshur counties.

Gary Liston, Keyser, former Potomac State College head basketball coach, has resumed his coaching duties at Elk Garden High School after a four-year stint at Potomac State College.

Carla Kidwell is a registered nurse on

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the OB floor at Martinsburg City Hospital.

Karen Rogers, Keyser, an administrative assistant

at Heartland of Keyser, was named its employee of the month of October, 1995.

Vickie Saville, English teacher at Keyser High School, spent the summer of 1996 studying Shakespeare in London and at Stratford upon Avon in Great Britain through a grant provided by the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Elizabeth Stewart Beavers was

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recently named editor of the *Mineral Daily News Tribune and Mountain Echo*.

Kevin W. Steele, Canonsburg, PA, has been named area plant supervisor for Columbia Gas at Washington, PA.

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John Kruk, Keyser, now retired from major league baseball received a "Distinguished West Virginian" award from

Governor Gaston Caperton.

Anthony W. Rogers, Keyser, attorney, musician and composer, performed a selection of the 1995 tribute album titled *Still There Is More*, a celebration of the music of rock innovator Tadd Rundgren. His selection was *The Ballad of Denny and Jean*, for which he played all the

instruments, sang all the vocals, mixed and produced the recording. **Rogers** and **Bruce Kirkwood** recently announced the opening of their new law firm in both the Keyser and Cumberland areas.

Peyton H. Umstot has been named

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plant manager for the Moorefield chicken processing plant of Wampler - Longacre, Inc.

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Catherine Bender Baker, Slanesville, has been named community office manager of the Moorefield office of

First United National Bank and Trust; she is also serving as manager of the Romney branch.

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Robin Dorsey McDowell, Keyser, joined the faculty of Westmar (Lonaconing, MD) High School last fall as a contemporary

computing and accounting teacher. She had previously been at the Allegany County (MD) Career Center for nine years.

James E. Smith II, Keyser, attorney and certified public accountant, recently competed requirements before the Pennsylvania Board of Examiners to offer legal services in that state. He also practices in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC as well as West Virginia.

Jenna Perkins Wood, Wheeling, has joined the Wheeling Office of the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson. A 1995 graduate of West Virginia University's Law School, she was admitted to practice in West Virginia October 2, 1995. She will focus on professional liability matters within the firm's litigation unit.

Steven D. Haskins, Rochester, NY, is

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construction superintendent for DiFione Construction, specializing in road and utility construction.

Tony Saweikis, MD, formerly of Westernport, has opened a family medicine practice in Keyser, taking over the office of David Chapman, MD, Class of '69, who joined the staff of Potomac Valley Hospital in emergency service.

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Barbara Tenney, a Keyser Primary Middle School teacher, was awarded the West Virginia Education

Association's Mary Titus Award for Professional Courage at the organization's annual banquet in Charleston in the spring. Ms. Tenney's nomination was made by the Mineral County Education Association for her efforts to improve the air quality environment at her school.

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Marvin W. Ritchie, Jr., formerly of Keyser, received an MBA from the Wharton School of the

University of Pennsylvania in May with a concentration in finance and accounting. He and his wife reside in New York City where he is employed as an investment banker with the Wall Street firm, Cowen & Company.

Melissa Sherman Saunders is employed as an administrative assistant at the American College of Radiology in Reston, VA.

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Albert Philippi, a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan in business administration, is a consultant in the process control industry for Fisher-Rosemount.

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Jared Conners, Moorefield, formerly claims representative for Nationwide Insurance, has been named portfolio manager for the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia for that company with his office in Martinsburg.

Julie R. Cryser, Burlington, was named business editor of *The Charleston Gazette* in August, 1995. She formerly held the same position at the *Beckley Register - Herald*.

'91

Matthew Murphey, Somerset, PA, has been named a project accountant with the American Bridge

Company in Pittsburgh. The position is a two year assignment in Lisbon, Portugal, where Matt will be responsible for setting up a branch office as well as handling all accounting procedures for the \$50 million project.

Airman Jennifer Walker See, Keyser, became a part of Operation Joint Endeavor in the 433rd Air Medical Evacuation Squadron, to assist in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia.

Chad Whiteman, Concord, NC, was graduated from the West Virginia College of Engineering with a Master of Science in Civil Engineering in August, 1995. He left in January for two years in West Africa as an urban manager in water treatment, garbage collection and maintenance.

Lisa Wildman is an assistant controller at Gaylord East Corp. in Keyser, formerly Keyser Stainless Corp.

Theresa Schell, Moorefield, has joined the staff of Progressive Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Clinic. She is a 1995 cum laude graduate of

West Virginia University in physical therapy.

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Jeff Deniker, Lonaconing, MD, a 1995 West Virginia University graduate in electrical engineering, is

employed at Consolidated Coal Company in Fairmont.

Teri Goodnow, Keyser, graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations. She is currently the executive officer of the Home Builders Association of Western Maryland.

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Paula J. Bennett, Keyser, was one of four Huntington College (Indiana) students chosen for a month long trip to the

Far East last August.

Hawey Wells III, Fayetteville, WV, has been named the 1996-97 editor of *The Daily Athenaeum*, the student newspaper at West Virginia University. He served as *PASQUINO* editor in 1993-94.

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Isaac Lewis recently attained the Future Farmer of America's highest honor, the American Degree. He is the first person from Frankfort High School and the third in Mineral County to be awarded the prestigious degree since its inception.

Ninth Athletic Hall Of Fame Induction Held

The ninth annual Potomac State College Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Dinner was held Saturday, April 20 in the College Dining Hall. Master of Ceremonies Professor Larry Bolyard, Athletic Director, introduced Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer, President of the College, who extended greetings. Professor Emeritus Davis G. Nuzum gave the invocation.

Inducted for 1996 were Harry Davis, Class of 1949, Oxon Hill, MD; William "Junie" Perry, Class of 1956, Keyser, James "Rick" Trickett, Class of 1971, Auburn, AL; and posthumously James Stafford, Sr., Class of 1932 and George Walley, Jr., Class of 1948.

Davis received his plaque from 1993 Hall of Famer, Thomas O'Connor, Class of 1946. Davis was a first teamer on the 1945-46 Catamount basketball squad and later took his talents overseas as a starter of the 24th Corps Army team. At the conclusion of the Korean Sector tournament, he was selected by the winning team to participate in the All-Pacific Tournament in Japan. After returning to Potomac State

College for his sophomore season, he earned a scholarship to Virginia Tech, where he was again a first stringer. He later played semi-professional ball for a franchise in York, PA.

In his remarks, Davis said, "This honor comes as a tremendous surprise, and being back here on campus brings back wonderful memories."

Professor Dinah Sue Courrier, Class of 1964, substituting for her husband, Dr. James W. Courrier, Sr., Class of 1963, presented the award to the grandchildren of William Perry since he was ill and could not attend.

"Junie" participated in all types of sports including softball, basketball, bowling, and baseball. He also helped to coach area youth.

He claimed the Pen-Mar League home-run title in 1947 and was named to the West Virginia All-State basketball team for the 1949-50 season. In 1950 he lit up the scoreboard for 78 points at a Wheeling High School. In 1955 he batted .500 to claim runner-up status in the Pen-Mar League and a year later he upped his average to .472 to

claim the crown.

A.U.S. Army veteran, he served as commander of Washington Smith Post 152 of the American Legion in Keyser.

John Bord. Grafton, Class of 1971, and a former

"In more than 20 years of coaching I've never missed a game. But I missed our spring scrimmage to be here tonight. That's how much this honor means to me".

Professor Bolyard

field, his focus in life was making friends, and that's how we remember him".

The final posthumous induction of George Walley, Jr., was made by former Potomac State College teacher and coach, Judson J. Hodges, Class of 1939, himself a 1992 inductee.

Walley, who died in 1993, earned honors as an All-West Virginia Conference guard for the Catamounts, during his 1947 season. A graduate of Benwood, WV, High School, he transferred to George Washington University after Potomac State College, where he continued to play football.

He began a prolific coaching career in 1950 at Cameron High School and later returned to his alma mater to coach football, basketball and track, remaining in Marshall County for the remainder of his career, accepting the position of Athletic Director at Moundsville High in 1956 and later a 12 year stint as coach and athletic Director at John Marshall High School in Glen Dale.

1996 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Harry Davis, Class of 1949

William "Junie" Perry, Class of 1956

James "Rick" Trickett, Class of 1971

James Stafford, Sr., Class of 1932

George Walley, Jr., Class of 1948

teammate of James "Rick" Trickett, presented his award. Trickett was a member of the 1969-70 Catamount football team and won the Dana G. Lough Football Award.

"Rick" is currently an offensive line coach at Auburn University, where he has been since 1993. He has also done stints at West Virginia University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Southern Illinois, Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State, and the University of New Mexico.

In his remarks he said,

awarded James Stafford, Sr.'s plaque to his brother Charlie. Stafford, who died in 1986, was captain of the 1930 Catamount football team and to West Virginia Wesleyan College on a full scholarship in academics and athletics.

Raised in Grafton and a pilot during World War II, he settled in Cumberland after the war. He served as President of the Potomac State College Alumni Association in 1949-50.

His brother said, "While Jim is remembered for his accomplishments on the football

Teacher Of Year Credits PSC With "Great Start"

Tucker County's 1995 Teacher of the Year, Eda Gwen (Thayer) McDowell, credits Potomac State College with much of her success. She said the teachers instilled in her several qualities which drive her to strive to be the best that she can be.

"Potomac State gave me a great start," said Mrs. McDowell.

"They encouraged us to strive for excellence," she said, adding that her education at Potomac State College was the best in her career.

McDowell graduated from Potomac State in 1979

with an Associate in Arts in education and went on to earn a Bachelor of Art degree in Elementary Education at Fairmont State College.

She is currently working on a Master's degree and has taught kindergarten at Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School in Thomas for 15 years.

According to a story in the October 11 issue of the *Parsons Advocate*, her "background of love and kindness have contributed to the gentleness, positive attitude, and humor" which she brings to her students and colleagues.

Eda credits several

faculty and staff at the College for her success including English instructor Elrose Smith, music teacher Dr. Charles Whitehill, in math, the late Professor Virginia Johnson, physical education teacher Dr. Sandra Elmore, and her psychology instructor Evelyn Petrie.

Another special influence in her life was Francine Shanahan, who served as head resident in Friend Hall during her stay. "She was always there to listen," said Eda.

A 1977 graduate of Mountaineer High School, she is married to Matthew McDowell and they have two



Eda Thayer McDowell

daughters, Lydia 8 and Leah 5.

Article courtesy of Liz Beavers, Class of 1979, editor, *Mineral Daily News Tribune*.

Getty Scholarship Established

The Potomac State College Foundation has received funds for the establishment of the Betty Glover Getty Scholarship. Given by her husband, Judge James S. Getty, Class of 1941, Cumberland, the scholarship will be awarded in memory of Mrs. Getty who was a 1942 graduate of Potomac State College.

The award will be made without restriction to geographical area or field of specialization.

A 1940 graduate of Keyser High School, Mrs. Getty was an active member of the Centre Street United Methodist Church, an avid golfer, a member of the Cumberland Country Club, and a dedicated gardener. She was also a member of the Cumberland Chapter of Philanthropic Educational Organization.

Athletic Hall of Fame Highlights



Top left

Harry R. Davis (right), Class of 1949, Oxon Hill, Maryland, receives his plaque as a 1996 Hall of Fame inductee from Hall of Famer Thomas O'Connor, Class of 1946.

Top right

Professor Larry G. Bolyard (right), master of ceremonies for the banquet, presents a posthumous induction plaque for James S. Stafford, Sr., to his brother Charles Stafford.

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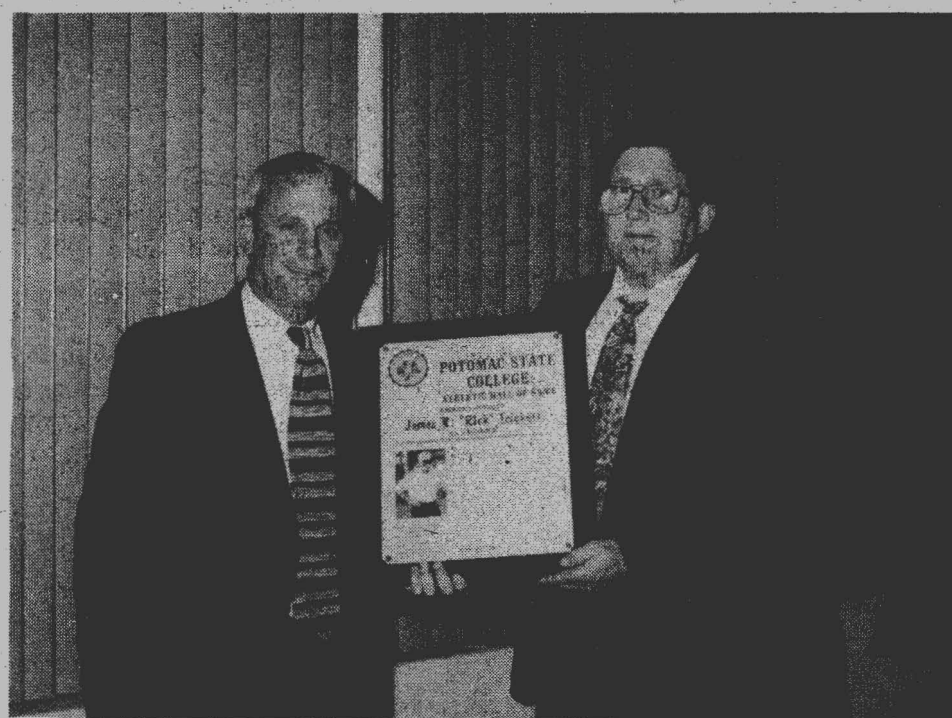
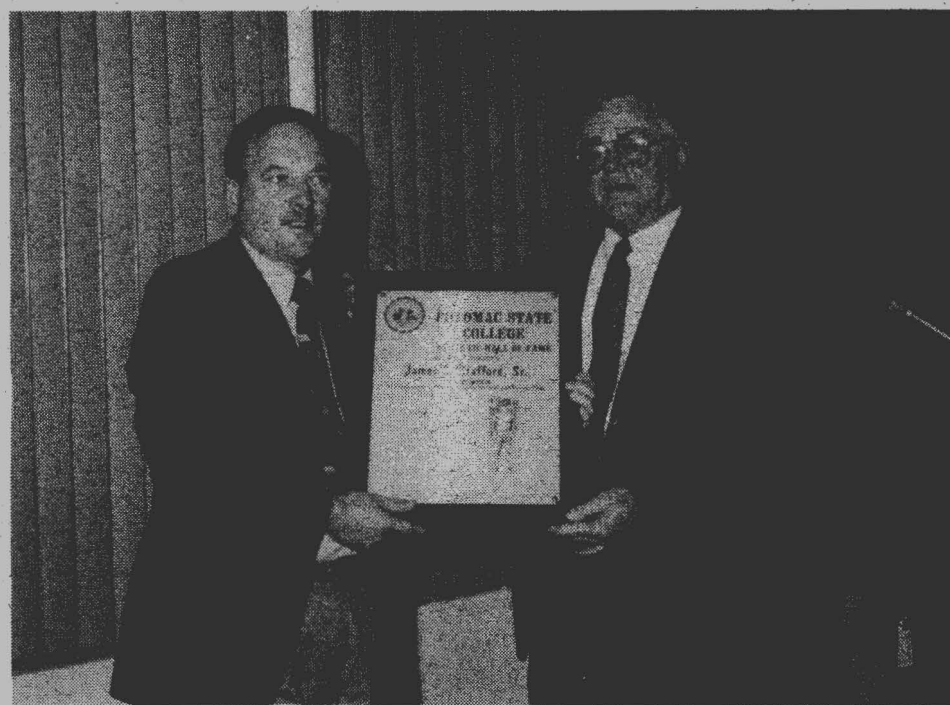
James "Rick" Trickett (left), Class of 1971, Auburn, Alabama, is awarded his induction plaque by former football teammate John Bord, Grafton, Class of 1971.

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Charles Walley (left) accepted a plaque representing the posthumous induction of his father, George Wally, Jr., into the 1996 Athletic Hall of Fame from Hall of Famer Judson J. Hodges, Class of 1939.

Bottom right

Professor Dinah Courier (right), subbing for her husband, Dr. James W. Courier, Sr., presents the induction plaque for William R. Perry, Class of 1956, to his grandchildren Daunte and Whitney Perry since he was unable to attend.



Four Faculty Members Granted Promotion/Tenure

Four members of the Potomac State College faculty have been granted promotion and/or tenure awarded by the University System Board of Trustees upon recommendation of College President Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer and University President Dr. David C. Hardesty, Jr.

Larry G. Bolyard, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Athletic Coordinator, has been promoted

to full Professor. Professor Bolyard came to Potomac State College in 1964. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Shepherd College and a Master's in the same field from West Virginia University. He had been a teacher and Assistant Principal at Rappahannock County (VA) High School from 1957 to 1964.

Phillip D. Douthitt, Class of 1981, Business Administration and Computer

Science, has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor and given tenure. Professor Douthitt first served as adjunct instructor at the College from 1986 to 1988. He was then appointed visiting Assistant Professor from 1988 to 1990 and finally Assistant Professor in 1990. He holds an A.A. (1981) from Potomac State College and a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration from West

Virginia University.

Dr. Peter L. Paulson, Associate Professor of Reading and English, has been promoted to full Professor. Dr. Paulson joined the staff in 1972. He earned three degrees from West Virginia University: a Bachelor's in English (1969); a Master's in reading (1972); and a Doctorate in Education (1983) specializing in curriculum and instruction. He is faculty advisor to the Circle K. Club.

Richard Z. Woodworth, Class of 1985, Assistant Professor of Agriculture, has been granted tenure. He joined the faculty in 1988 and currently serves as program manager for the College farms. He holds an A.A. from Potomac State College and both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from West Virginia University in Agriculture.

Foundation Scholarships Set For '96-97 Year

The Potomac State College Foundation, Inc., will make approximately \$45,000 available to 56 students for scholarships and awards for 1996-97, according to Foundation President Glen A. Ryan. The awards were set at the Board of Directors' January meeting.

Individual scholarship award amounts continue to fall because of the lower interest rates. Scholarships with the potential value of \$1,800 each will be given from the Lulu May Heskitt Scholarship Fund. These are reserved for academically outstanding high school students who are designated Heskitt Scholars.

The Gay Mellon Memorial will provide two scholarships of \$550, while the Loyalty Memorial Fund will grant one award of \$725. The board also approved six Alumni Scholarships worth \$475 per year. None of the foregoing have any restrictions as to field of study.

Additional unrestricted awards include the Nancy M. Miller Memorial, one award of \$500; the Kirkland and Beatrice McKee Memorial, two awards of \$350; the Dean Frank Mauzy-Sidney Harris Scholarship, one award at \$650; the George Parrish-Sidney Harris Scholarship, one award at \$650; the David G. and

Leontine B. Nuzum Scholarship, two awards of \$1,050 each; the Kenneth F. Haines Scholarship, one award of \$500; and the Taylor/Galbraith Memorial, one at \$275.

The Alice Dwyer Alexander Memorial will provide one award of \$1,150 to a graduate of Spencer or

Sisterville high schools; the Edna and David Trenton Scholarship Fund will grant \$1,800 to graduates of Petersburg High School with the awards being determined by a community committee.

The Harley O. Staggers, Sr. Scholarship will award a scholarship of \$300 to a Mineral County student. The Coleman-Gates Fund will give \$325 to a minority student. The Dr. Allen E. Murphy Memorial provides \$300 to an arts and sciences student, preferably majoring in geology.

The Raymond E. Dawson Memorial will provide \$300 to a Keyser graduate; the Mary Blackburn-Melvin Brown Scholarship, one award of \$325 to a Mineral or Grant county student who plans to transfer to West Virginia University; the Arnold and Anna Rose Haggerty Memorial, a \$275 award to a Mineral county resident to be chosen by a committee designated by the family.

The Lynch Memorial Scholarship, established in

memory of Lavina (Lynch) Nemeth and Harold Lynch by their family will provide one award of \$1,250 to a student with an outstanding high school record; the C. Edwin Jordan Scholarship, one award of \$825 to a student from Mineral or Allegany counties.

Scholarships for a specifically designated field will be awarded as follows: the Orval J. Anderson Memorial in English, one award of \$450; the Dana G. and Viola U. Lough Memorial for athletics, two at \$525; the Michael Landis Memorial, one at \$175; the Elizabeth A. Atwater Scholarship in journalism, one at \$525; the Leonard G. Withers Music Scholarship, one award of \$575; the Dudley Gordon Memorial in English or music, one at \$300; the James T. Handlan Memorial in natural sciences, one at \$525; the W. E. Michael Scholarship, also in natural sciences, one at \$475.

The Virginia Johnson Mathematics Scholarship, one at \$425; the Ruth Ward Davis Memorial Nursing Scholarship, one at \$225; the Evelyn Bane Bright Music Scholarship, one at \$325; the Brown Umberger/Dorothy Wilson Scholarship, restricted to a rural West Virginia student, one award of \$1,100; the Naomi I. McBride Scholarship, restricted to a Keyser graduate majoring in nursing or education, one at

\$500; the Betty Livengood Teacher Education Scholarship, three awards of \$250.

The Bell Atlantic of West Virginia Telephone Company will award two scholarships of \$1,000; the Hartman Trust consists of two awards: (1) the Ralph Ray Hartman Scholarship, one at \$1,400 and (2) the Bulgarian Family Scholarship, one at \$1,400, with both awards going to students in health sciences; the Thelma Walden Trust, an award of \$600 to students from Elkins or Tygarts Valley High Schools; the Odus Kincaid Memorial Scholarship Fund, an award of \$900 for a West Virginia student; and the Kenneth M. Malone Memorial, an award of \$400 for an agriculture student.

Two awards are granted annually from the Foundation for the Recognition Day Convocation in the spring. They are the Dean Frank Mauzy-Sidney Harris cash prize for the outstanding history student and the E. William Noland Outstanding Student Award, consisting of a cash award, a framed certificate, and the winner's named engraved on a plaque in the Administration Building; the Mary Shipper Byrer Book Fund will yield \$350 for the Mary F. Shipper Library.

The John "Skip" Cook Memorial Baseball Scholarship

has its amount and number of awards determined by the college baseball coach. Friends of former baseball coach Professor Jack Reynolds also established a scholarship in his honor. The amount of this award is also determined by the baseball coach.

All of the above scholarships and awards are granted subject to adequate amounts of income being received from the respective trusts. Anyone wishing to establish a scholarship or to contribute to any of the aforementioned funds may send a check payable to the Potomac State College Foundation in care of the Alumni Office at the College. Contributors should write the name of the specific fund on the memo portion of the check.

In addition to scholarships gifts are invited for the following areas: the President's Fund, the Academic Fund, covering Division One, arts, humanities, and education; Division Two, natural sciences and social sciences; and Division Three, career, technical and agriculture programs; the Athletic Fund, the General Fund, and the Mary Shipper Byrer Book Fund.

POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
Potomac State College
Keyser, WV 26726

I. SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS (please check)

Available to all students:

- ☐ Alumni
☐ Ervin L. & Agnes (McGuffie) Dayton Memorial
☐ Loyalty Memorial Fund for Scholarships
☐ Lynch Memorial
☐ Dean Frank Mauzy/Sidney Harris
☐ Dean & Mrs. Kirkland McKee
☐ Gay Mellon
☐ Dr. Nancy M. Miller Memorial
☐ David and Leontine Nuzum
☐ George Parrish/Sidney Harris
☐ Taylor/Galbraith

Restricted:

- ☐ Alice (Dwyer) Alexander Memorial
 (Roane County, WV, or Tyler County, WV)
☐ Orval J. Anderson Memorial (English)
☐ Elizabeth A. Atwater (journalism)
☐ John & Ava M. Aylor Scholarship
 (East Hardy High School graduates)
☐ Evelyn Bane Bright (music)
☐ Blackburn/Brown (Mineral/Grant
 counties transferring to WVU)
☐ Bulgarian Family Memorial (pre-med/health sciences)
☐ John "Skip" Cook Memorial Baseball
☐ Ruth Ward Davis Memorial Nursing
☐ Raymond E. Dawson Memorial (Keyser graduates)
☐ Sandra J. Elmore (women's basketball)
☐ Pauline Coleman Gates (minority)
☐ Dudley Gordon Memorial (English/music)
☐ Arnold & Anna Rose Haggerty Memorial
 (Mineral County graduates)
☐ Kenneth Franklin Haines (arts and sciences)
☐ James T. Handlan, Jr. Memorial (natural sciences)
☐ Ray Ralph Hartman Memorial (pre-med/health sciences)
☐ Virginia E. Johnson Mathematics
☐ C. Edwin Jordan, Sr. (Mineral/Allegany County)
☐ Odus R. Kincaid Memorial (West Virginia graduates)
☐ Michael Landis Memorial (football)
☐ Dana & Vi Lough Memorial (football)
☐ Kenneth M. Malone (agriculture)
☐ Betty T. Livengood Teacher Education (Mineral County)
☐ Naomi I. McBride (Keyser, WV; education or nursing)
☐ W. E. Michael (natural sciences)
☐ Dr. Allen E. Murphy (arts/sciences; geology)

- ☐ Jack Reynolds Baseball
☐ Joseph Stanislawczyk Football
☐ Harley O. Staggers. (Mineral County graduates)
☐ Walter & Helen Tetrick Journalism
☐ Edna H. & David H. Trenton Memorial
 (Petersburg graduates)
☐ Thelma E. Walden (Elkins/Tygart's Valley graduates)
☐ Brown Umberger/Dorothy Wilson (rural student)
☐ Leonard G. Withers (music)

☐ II. EDWARD WILLIAM NOLAND
 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

☐ III. ARTS IN THE PARK AWARD (creative/performing arts)

☐ IV. PRESIDENT'S FUND

☐ V. GENERAL FUND

☐ VI. ACADEMIC FUND (please check)

- ☐ Mary F. Shipper Library
☐ Division One (art, drama, English, history,
 journalism, languages, music, physical
 education)
☐ Division Two (biology, chemistry, geology,
 mathematics, physical science, physics,
 psychology, social sciences)
☐ Division Three (agriculture, business administration,
 computer science, engineering, forestry,
 horticulture, secretarial science, economics)
☐ Computer/Office Technology

☐ VII. ATHLETIC FUND

- ☐ Football
☐ Men's Basketball
☐ Baseball
☐ Baseball Catamount Club
☐ Women's Basketball
☐ Women's Volleyball

☐ VIII. JOHN & MARY SHIPPER BYRER BOOK FUND

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Campus News



Potomac State Logo Updated

An updated version of the Potomac State College logo has begun to appear on printed material and merchandise as the college incorporates the new design.

The only change to the new logo is the addition of the "flying WV" symbol of West Virginia University. The change has been made to enhance the visual recognition of the relationship between WVU and Potomac State.

Faculty/Staff Service Recognized

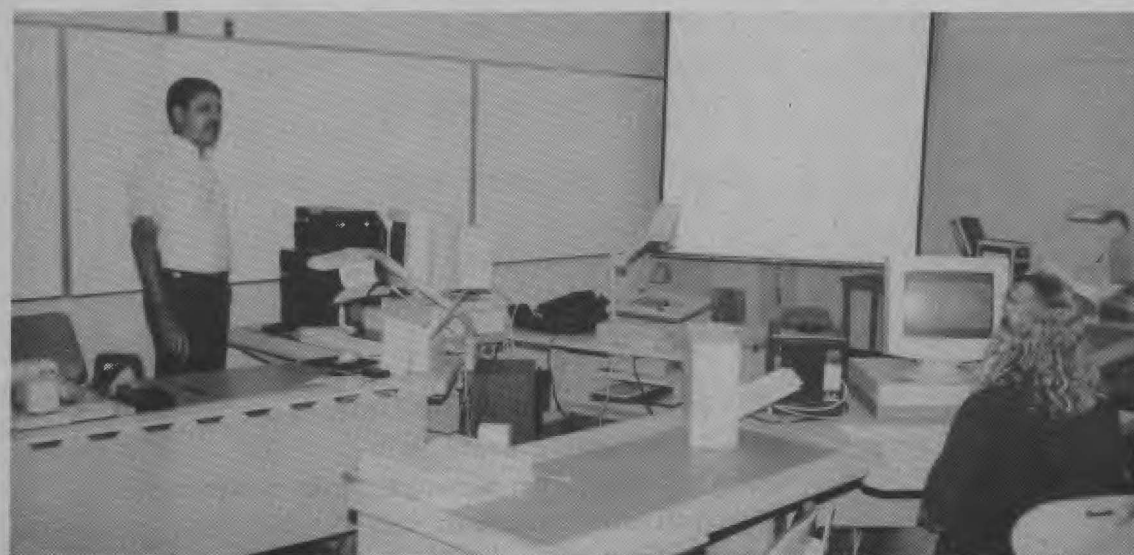
More than 600 faculty and staff were recognized for their dedication and service to West Virginia University during the second annual Distinguished Service Recognition Ceremony, Tuesday, February 13, in the Creative Arts Center.

Those with 20 years of service are James C. Coffman, Sheila M. Costilow, James M. Hoey, Patricia K. Lindsey, Trevor A. Owen, Gary A. Seldomridge, and Wanda L. Twyman.

Honored from Potomac State College were Richard A. Smith (50); Annette S. Boggs (30); Nancy M. Hockensmith (30); George T. Arnold (25); Jeff R. Miller (25); Jack L. Reynolds (25).

Those with 21 to 24 years included Charlotte A. Rawlings (24); John C. Stone (23); Elsie M. Carnell (22); Helen Jenkins (22); Peter L. Paulson (22); Harlan N. Shreve (21); and Edward M. Wade (21).

Honorees received a specially designed lapel pin embossed with years of service and a certificate from West Virginia University President David C. Hardesty, Jr.



Pentium computers are checked in multimedia computer lab by Harlan Shreve and Kathy Ludwick.

Multimedia Computer Lab Ready For Students

Computer instruction with video and voice, public school teachers learning new ways to teach, future office administrators integrating word processing and graphics -- these are some of the exciting possibilities for Potomac State College's new multimedia personal computer lab.

Students from computer science, business administration, office systems technology, and computer information systems are now learning state-of-the-art computer software in Potomac State College's most modern personal computer lab facility.

Located on the top floor of Academy Hall the multimedia computer lab features 25 personal computers with the Intel Pentium 75 Mhz chip. Each machine has a 1.2 gigabyte hard drive, 8 megabytes of RAM, a double speed CD-ROM drive, sound card, and stereo speakers.

The computers are stand-alone, with full software capabilities and individual printers. Software applications include Windows 3.1, DOS 6.2, Microsoft Office, Word Perfect, Lotus, and more. "We can expose Potomac State students to the latest multimedia technology such as CD-ROM, video, and sound," said Professor James Hoey, director of the College's Computer Center. "Additionally, this lab permits the College to expand curriculum into new areas like presentation technology, multimedia development, and instructional technology," said Hoey.

Professors teaching in the multimedia lab have available a technology-ready instructor's console at the front of the classroom including computer, laser disc player, CD-ROM drive, VCR, Sharp LCD panel, LCD 100 inch projector, and visual presenter. This equipment allows professors to show their computer screen on a large screen, visible to all seats in the lab. Students can learn as teachers demonstrate on the instructor computer.

Potomac State's multimedia lab joins 5 other computer labs on campus, including specialized labs in math/science and English disciplines. In addition, the Journalism department has a five-computer Macintosh lab in the Pasquino's newsroom.

"I don't know of another college in West Virginia that has a multimedia computer lab on the scale of Potomac State's," said Professor Hoey.

Potomac State offers short courses in word processing and medical terminology. "The lab will eventually support teacher education," said Hoey. "We can give public school educators the opportunity to learn how to use technologies in their classrooms."

Shared Decision Making Process Adopted

President of the College Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer announced in June a new administrative decision-making structure for her office. Instead of the present Administrative Council, she will use a two-tiered approach.

Those persons who report directly to Dr. Brailer (Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Lester Beavers, Dean of Student Affairs Douglas Kesner, Class of 1979, Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Monahan, and Public Relations Director Melanie Taylor, Class of 1981, will form a President's Cabinet, meeting three times a month on Thursday mornings.

The former Administrative Council will be expanded to include the Cabinet grouping plus the three division chairs, the chair of the Faculty Assembly, the chair of the Classified Employees Council, the president of Student Government, the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Director of Admissions. This group will meet once a month along with the Cabinet for broader input on decisions and review of issues.

Dr. Brailer expects that bringing more employees into the decision-making process will also develop their leadership skills and give them experience and information to which they currently do not have handy access. The new structure will complement the existing avenues for shared decision-making at the College, such as Faculty Assembly, Classified Staff Council, Student Government, the executive councils reporting to the president, the suggestion box concept, TQM and other ad hoc committees and focus groups that are formed for advice on particular issues.

WVU President Hardesty Delivers Address

118 AA and AAS Degrees Conferred At 93rd Commencement



Jason Givan, 1996 Potomac State College graduate, is seen receiving the E. William Noland Outstanding Student Award from Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer, president. A native of Petersburg, Givan received a cash award, a plaque, and his name will be engraved on a permanent plaque in the Administration Building.



Leading Graduate for 1996

Recognized as the graduate with the highest academic average at the 93rd Commencement exercises at Potomac State College was **Richard Parker**, Burlington. He is flanked by Potomac State College president Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer and Dr. David C. Hardesty Jr., president of West Virginia University, who gave the commencement address.

Annual commencement activities were held on the campus Potomac State College on Sunday, May 7, in the Church-McKee Arts Center Auditorium. Over 700 family members, guests, faculty and graduates attended the 93rd annual graduation ceremony.

In his commencement address to the graduating class, WVU President David C. Hardesty encouraged the graduates to use their talents to build communities. Citing the increasing diversity in the modern workplace, economic changes and globalization, and technological transformation, Hardesty emphasized the importance of community service, team building and interpersonal relationships.

Dr. Kathryn A. Brailer, president, presided over the conferral of 118 degrees, including 89 Associate in Arts degrees and 29 Associate in Applied Science degrees. She was assisted in the presentation of degrees by Dr. Lester K. Beavers, dean of the college.

Dr. Brailer recognized Richard L. Parker, son of Mrs. Margaret Kelley of Burlington, WV, as the college's leading graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average on 75 hours of work attempted. Parker is a pre-physical therapy major and plans to continue his studies at WVU this fall.

A member of the graduating class, Jason D. Givan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Givan of Petersburg, presented remarks from the student perspective. Members of the Class of 1996 were welcomed into the PSC Alumni Association by Mausby Rogers, president of the Alumni Association. Jennings Stickley, chair of the PSC Board of Visitors, offered congratulations to the graduates on behalf of the entire college community.

My Home Among the Hills was presented by the College/Community Chorus under the direction of Professor Richard Davis.

Givans Named Outstanding Student

Jason D. Givan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Givan, Petersburg, was named the 1996 Outstanding Student of the Year at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

A biology major, Jason graduated from Potomac State in May with an associates in arts degree. He will continue his studies toward a medical degree at West Virginia University in the fall.

The E. William Noland Outstanding Student Award is given to a full-time sophomore who has been on the President's List (3.7 and up) for three semesters and is active in campus life. Candidates are selected and interviewed by a panel of faculty. Winners are given a cash award, have their name engraved on a plaque in the Administration Building, and receive a framed certificate.

As the Outstanding Student Jason addressed the 1996 graduating class of the College at Commencement exercises May 5 in Church-McKee Arts Center.

At Potomac State Jason was active in Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society, student government, Life Sciences Club, the College Republicans, and the residence hall staff. He was also elected to membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta national pre-medical honorary at West Virginia University as an entering junior.

President's Message



Dr. Kathryn Brailer

Dear Alumni:

As I review and reflect on my first full year as president of Potomac State College of West Virginia University, I am truly amazed at the strong community commitment and devoted alumni spirit that prevail at the college. Potomac State, along with higher education as a whole, faces many issues as we approach and prepare for the 21st century. We will be challenged, and we will have many exciting opportunities for progress. As I have witnessed your enthusiasm and willingness to help over the past 18 months, I have grown more confident that this strong commitment and spirit will enable us to meet these challenges with innovation and determination. It is essential that the entire college community cooperate to achieve our goals. You should know that the college's alumni support is an integral part of that collaborative effort.

On behalf of the entire campus community, I would like to welcome you back to campus for Homecoming 1996 as we plan to host all homecoming celebration events on campus. Plans are underway for a spectacular weekend, and we hope you able to join us for the festivities. We are very happy that the Alumni Association has decided to have the annual banquet in the Lough Gymnasium. Earlier this spring, the annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on campus. Many participants indicated they enjoyed the opportunity and hoped that more events would be hosted on campus.

I am so pleased that alumni are looking for new ways to involve themselves in the college. Many local alumni were part of Meet Potomac State Day which had a terrific impact on our potential students and their parents. Additionally, many others have initiated fiscal, volunteer and community support that is very important to the college's overall strength and vision.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, but also look forward to meeting many more alumni in the coming year. I value your input and would enjoy sharing ideas about the future of the college.

I welcome the chance to talk with you. Please feel free to call me or stop by campus anytime. Thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn A. Brailer



Melanie A. Taylor

Taylor Named PR Director

Melanie A. Taylor, College of Law and is currently Class of 1981, has been a master's degree candidate in appointed the director of public the Public Administration relations and institutional program at WVU.

In addition to the public relations responsibilities, Mrs. Taylor has been designated to coordinate the alumni office and Potomac State Foundation activities.

Taylor comes to Potomac State from Cookman Insurance Group where she coordinated the opening of the agency's new Keyser office.

She gained extensive experience with health sciences education and managed healthcare systems while serving as the coordinator of the Rural Health Initiative consortium chaired by Mrs. Taylor is a member of the Keyser Rotary Club, the Keyser American corporate services and Field Service Chapter, and an active member of Grace United Heart Hospital, Cumberland, and was a staff member in the West Virginia University office of Institutional Advancement.

She holds an associate in arts degree from Potomac State and a bachelor of science degree from WVU where she graduated magna cum laude. She has attended the WVU

2. During the 1995-96 school year, they were the host family for Keyser's AFS student, Flavia, their Brazilian "daughter."

Desktop Publishing Program Added

Potomac State College has received approval from the University Systems of West Virginia Board of Trustees to implement a certificate program in Desktop Publishing. The program will begin with this fall semester.

Desktop publishing is predicted as one of the fastest growing areas in the personal computer industry. "We felt we needed to be able to offer a comprehensive program to our students, so that they gain these necessary skills," explained Karen Campbell, assistant dean of academic affairs. "Regional business and industry training needs are also specifically addressed by the addition of this program."

At this point in time, Potomac State's desktop publishing program is the first developed in West Virginia and one of few in the nation.

Former Faculty/Staff

Notes

Patty Bell, Program Assistant I, in the Potomac State College Alumni Office, resigned effective May 14, 1996.

Mrs. Bell had served as coordinator of affairs for both the Alumni Association and the PSC Foundation since July 1, 1986. During that time she made many positive changes, established an excellent rapport with alumni, and effected several innovations, outstanding among which was the creation of the Foundation's publication of scholarship winners each year.

Prior to her work in the Alumni Office Mrs. Bell had been on the College's Special Student Services staff for two years.

Former Potomac State

College Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Harold C. Doster, Atlanta, Georgia, was honored with a retirement dinner Saturday, June 29, 1996 by his congregation, First Christian Church Marietta.

The Reverend Doctor Doster was recognized for forth-three years of active service in education and the ministry.

He served Potomac State from 1970 to 1973.

Richard Kent Bolyard, 66, formerly of Aurora, died Sunday, April 28, 1996, at Cuppett-Weeks Nursing Home in Oakland, MD.

Mr. Bolyard was a member of the Potomac State College faculty from 1957 to 1966, teaching accounting and business education classes. He also served as head resident for Memorial Hall. He had also taught at Southern Carroll County and Clear Spring high schools as well as in the Tucker

County system.

He is survived by four brothers: Larry G. Bolyard, PSC professor of physical education; Keith; Marvin "Bucky," Doyle; and one sister, Ruth. He was preceded in death by another brother, Lowell.

Interment was in the Aurora Cemetery.

Mrs. Louise Evelyn Dawson, Keyser, died August 17, 1995, at the Heartland of Keyser Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dawson was a retired employee of the Student Center at Potomac State College. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur P. Dawson, custodian for the Administration Building for many years.

Surviving are one daughter Barbara Buchan, Class of 1967, Tampa, FL, and one son John G. Dawson, Class of 1968, Keyser.

Births

Mark, '80, and Stacey Pancake Boggs, '87, Keyser, a daughter, November 17, 1995.

Ken, '84, and Barb Bane, Keyser, a son, January 4, 1996.

Jason, '94, and Melissa Smith, Lonaconing, MD, a daughter, July 26, 1995.

Charles E., '89, and Teresa Green Longley, Jr., '89, Keyser, a daughter, July 27, 1995.

Douglas, '82, and Robin McKenzie, Fort Ashby, a son, November 3, 1995.

Gregory and Rhonda Prysock Martin, '91, Keyser, a son, January 16, 1996.

Frank, '75, and Karen Sultzer, Fruitland Park, FL, a daughter,

January 9, 1996.

Kevin and Rene House Trezise, '81, Lavale, MD, a son, December 22, 1995.

Stephen, '88, and Wanda Poland, Keyser, a son, October 17, 1995.

William and Becky Capel Kelley, '88, Cumberland, MD, a son, January 5, 1996.

John, '86, and Lacinda Chaney Rudy, '85, Myrtle Beach, SC, a daughter, November 7, 1995.

Victor, '82, and Jodi Proietti, Cumberland, a son, December 20, 1995.

Mike and Kelli Meyers Hickey, '88, Keyser, a son, May 3, 1996.

Jamie, '89, and Dana Young, Delton, FL, a daughter, November 16, 1995.

Jeffrey, '81, and Susan Landes, Keyser, a son.

Michael and Ann Kesecker Plum, '91, Keyser, a son, August 8, 1995.

Brian, '91, and Tiffney Custer, Keyser, a son, August 19, 1995.

Rodney and Jeanette Cooper Warner, '91, a son, September 16, 1995.

Todd, '86, and Kim Keplinger, Keyser, a daughter.

Chance, '86, and Kim Keller Miller, '85, a son, September 14, 1995.

Matthew, '90, and Shawna Wildman Athey, '89, Keyser, a boy, May 17, 1996.

Thomas and Tamara Meadows Carder, '89, Oldtown, a daughter, August 8, 1995.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy, '85, Perrell, Frederick, MD, a daughter, October 14, 1995.

Lowell and Nancy Mason McDonald, '90, Martinsburg, a daughter, October 12, 1995.

K.C., '88, and Melissa Cross, a daughter, September 12, 1995.

Kenneth and Michele Condron Twigg, '92, Hanau, Germany, a son, November 7, 1995.

Brian, '88, and Valorie Simpson, Keyser, a daughter, October 27, 1995.

Andy and Anna Hoopengartner Cosner, '90, Keyser, a son, June 28, 1996.

Jay, '88, and Lara Stalnaker Courrier, Keyser, a son, July 10, 1996.

Eric, '91, and Jeanette Hammons

Farris, '86, Keyser, a son, July 9, 1996.

Robert, '76, and Sherri Peretti, Latrobe, PA, a son, July, 1996.

Michael and Robyn Kirtley Pochettino, '83, Laurel, MD, a son, May 8, 1996.

Jason, '94, and Terri Gough, Cresaptown, MD, a son, July 10, 1996.

Charlie, '82, and Wendy Ryan Wilson, '93, St. Mary, PA, a daughter, July 15, 1995.

Ben and Megan Maine Sweger, '89, Carlisle, PA, a son, August 10, 1995.

Lonnie, '80, and Karen Coleman, Ridgeley, a son, October 8, 1995.

Lodging for Homecomings

Make your reservations **EARLY** at one of the following area motels:

The Pines Motel (formerly the Potomac Motel) — 1 1/2 miles south of Keyser on US 220 (304-788-2826)

Candlewyck Inn — 65 South Mineral Street, Keyser (304-788-6594)

EconoLodge — 2 miles south of Keyser on US 220 (304-788-0913)

Tollgate Motel — 7 miles south of Keyser on US 220 (304-788-5100)

Diplomat Motel — 15 miles north on US 220 in Maryland (301-729-2311)

Holiday Inn — 20 miles north, downtown Cumberland, MD (301-724-8800)

Best Western Braddock Motor Inn — 20 miles north, Route 40, LaVale, MD (301-729-3300)

The Inn at Walnut Bottom — 20 miles north, 120 Green Street, Cumberland, MD (301-777-0003)

Super 8 Motel — 20 miles north, National Highway, LaVale, MD (301-729-6265)

Continental Motor Inn — 21 miles north, Route 40, LaVale, MD (301-729-2201)

Comfort Inn — 25 miles northwest, Frostburg, MD (301-689-2050)

In Memoriam

Michael Ahern, Hickory, NC, April 30, 1996.

Robert Dixon, '35, Reston, VA, May 7, 1996.

Howard Berger, Jr., '57, Centreville, VA, February 25, 1995.

Betty J. Getty, '42, Cumberland, MD, January 11, 1996.

Arthur D. Wells, '36, Keyser, January 17, 1996.

Richard N. Travis, '39, Oakland, MD, July 26, 1996.

Thomas Lewis, '68, Mt. Savage, MD.

Sam Fernandez, '60, Charleston, WV, November, 1995.

John W. Ward, '21, Keyser, July 31, 1996.

Lora A.B. Lewis, '62, Silver Spring, MD, July 4, 1996.

Col. Patrick W. McClintic, '55, August 20, 1995.

Brian Hartman, '92, Elk Garden, WV, September 6, 1995.

Robert L. Kight, '41, Princeton, WV, August 15, 1995.

Wayne W. Shaw, '49, Keyser, December 2, 1995.

Harold A. McGreevy, '48, Barton, MD, December 31, 1995.

Kenneth M. McDonald, '57, Keyser, January 25, 1996.

Fernand Aucremanne, '34, Knoxville, TN, June 30, 1995.

J. Paul Kiser, '25, Harrisonburg, VA, October 7, 1995.

Col. Blake W. Lambert, '38, San Antonio, TX, July 14, 1995.

George H. Scott, Jr., '49, Seaford, DE.

George T. Neill, Sr., '47, Hagerstown, MD, July 2, 1996.

Grace Stafford, '32, Cumberland, MD, January 8, 1996.

Michael "Mitch" Sanders, '86, Sterling, VA, January 8, 1996.

Dorothy "Louise" Shores

Vudrogovic, '45, Ohio.

Rose M. Burgess, '29, New Creek, WV, August 6, 1995.

Ray Cosner, Jr., '49, Herndon, VA, April, 15, 1995.

The Rev. George William Allender, '39, Bayou La Batre, AL, June 2, 1995.

James P. Burke, '53, Cumberland, MD, December 23, 1995.

Alma Arnett, '34, Aiken, SC, January 28, 1996.

Ruth Jackson Goldsworthy, '33, Keyser, December 18, 1995.

Lucille E. Peters, '32, Keyser, September 19, 1995.

Wilma Pritts, '54, New Creek, WV, February 6, 1996.

Eileen O'Brien, '42, Harwood, MD, December 9, 1995.

Helen A. Orndorff, '20, Keyser, December 11, 1995.

David Brigham Clay, '47, Kirkwood, MO.

Adele Pierce, '45, Alexandria, VA, September 29, 1995.

Janet Tyler Heinley, '39, Mt. Holly, NJ, February 9, 1996.

John E. Byrd, Jr., '42, Cumberland, MD, March 22, 1996.

Junior R. Haines, '54, Keyser, July 25, 1996.

Louise Bane, '32, Keyser, June 7, 1996.

James H. Shoemaker, '59, Burlington, WV, May 7, 1996.

Helen D. Courtney, '34, Strasburg, VA, February 11, 1996.

A. Neil Frye, '59, Fairmont, WV, March 13, 1996.

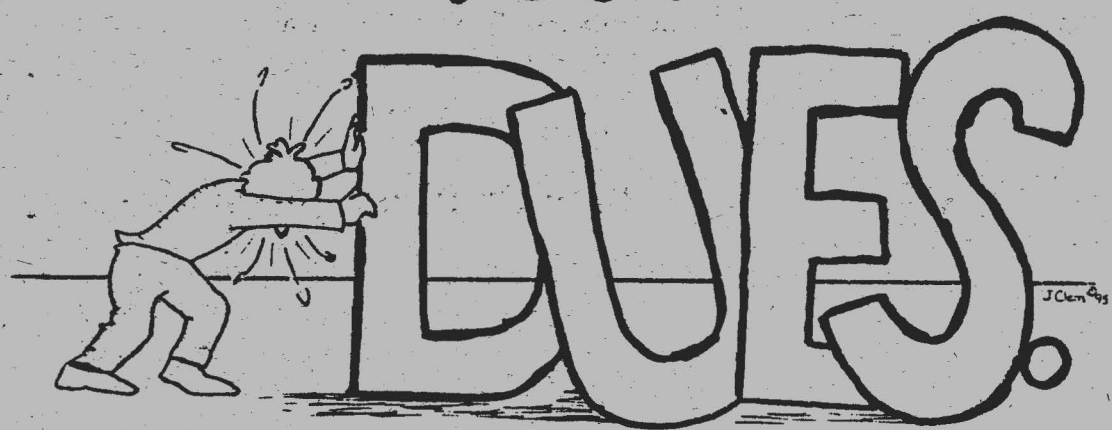
Phyllis S. Chapman, '59, Keyser, March 9, 1996.

Oscar H. Bean, '31, Moorefield, WV, March 25, 1996.

Wayne W. Shaw, '49, Keyser, December 2, 1995.

Virgil E. Atkinson, '32, Frostburg, MD, February 10, 1996.

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You're What Gives Us That
Extra Push...

Register for Homecomings
Saturday, September 28

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Homecoming '96 Schedule

September 28-29, 1996

Saturday, September 28, 1996

9:00-11:30 a.m. Homecoming Coffee
Student Union
Registration-Coffee Hour-Visiting

11:00-1:00 p.m. Homecoming Brunch honoring Anniversary Classes. Hosted by Dr. Kathryn Brailer at her home *(by invitation only)*.

11:00-1:30 p.m. Blue & Gold Buffet Luncheon
Davis Hall Cafeteria
\$5.30 per person - Reservations Recommended
by calling Mrs. Shimer (304-788-6842) or by
reservation form below.
Make checks payable to Daka Restaurants, Ltd.

1:30 p.m. Football Game - Stayman Field
Catamounts vs. Fork Union Military Academy

Halftime Crowning of Homecoming Queen and King
Recognitions
Parents Traveling the Longest Distance
Alumni Traveling the Longest Distance

6:00 p.m. Social Hour - Homecoming Banquet
Lough Gymnasium - PSC Campus

6:30 p.m.

Anniversary Class Photographs
Photographer will be available at this time to take
pictures of any groups wanting a photograph.

7:00 p.m.

Homecoming Banquet
Lough Gymnasium

Advance Reservations Required

\$15 per person (includes dance to follow).

To make reservations call:

Melanie Taylor, Alumni Office, (304)788-6811.

by **Monday, September 23** or use form below.

Alumni Achievement and Distinguished Service
Awards highlight the program.

9:30-Midnight

Dance - Lough Gymnasium

Reservation and cost included with banquet.

Windfall

Sunday, September 29

7:30-10:00 a.m.

Homecoming Breakfast Buffet

Merryray Restaurant - 115 N. Main Street
(downtown Keyser)

\$4.50 per person - No reservations needed.

Reservation Form

Enclosed please find \$_____ for Homecoming Banquet reservations at \$15 each. Please list names of all attendees below. Please make check payable to the PSC Alumni Association.

Enclosed please find \$_____ for "Blue & Gold Buffet Luncheon" reservations at \$5.30 per person (check must be made payable to Daka Restaurants, Ltd.).

I (We) wish to become Life Member(s) of the Alumni Association (\$200 individual or \$250 where both husband and wife are alumni). Please make checks payable to PSC Alumni Association.

I am enclosing alumni dues of \$10.00 for 1996-97 (where husband and wife are alumni, the cost is \$15.00). Please make check payable to the PSC Alumni Association.

Name _____ Year _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Banquet Attendees Names and Class Years _____

Return reservation forms to: Alumni Office, Melanie Taylor, Potomac State College,
Keyser, WV 26726

An Invitation

Homecoming 1996 is set for the weekend of September 28 & 29. Your Alumni Association extends a personal invitation to join us in this celebration. You will enjoy reminiscing with your former classmates and teachers about the good times "on the hill."

Honored this year will be our Golden Anniversary Class of 1946 and our Silver Anniversary Class of 1971.

All reservations for Homecoming events should be made by Monday, September 23. Reservation details are on the adjacent form. If you have any questions, please call Melanie Taylor in the Alumni Office at (304) 788-6811.